

Pikeville College

REV. JAMES F. RECORD, PH. D., D. D., PRESIDENT

PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

November
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Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
Lockport, New York.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of October 25. It was good to hear from you again and I am sure that your European trip this past summer was a profitable as well as interesting experience. I have wanted to take such a trip myself but for various reasons have never been able to do it.

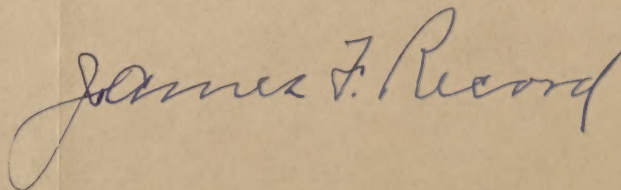
Last week was a great week for Pikeville College. We had the annual meeting of our Board of Trustees with the fullest attendance we have had in the meeting for years. Doctor Stockwell of the Board of Christian Education was with us. The Board was enthusiastic over the opportunity that lies before us and the members are genuinely interested in providing the means to meet the needs of the field.

One member of the Board who is an alumnus of the school and a business associate of his, not a member of the Board, are making a contribution of \$10,000.00. Senator Ernst, another member of the Board is giving us \$5000.00 and two other members of the Board \$1000.00 each. This was given to relieve our present financial situation. Some money that had been pledged toward our administration building has not yet been paid and we had some accumulated deficit for current expenses. These men made their contributions to relieve us of that indebtedness.

The Board also took action to make this a standard four year college and to that end are undertaking to raise five hundred thousand dollars this year. That is a large amount of money but we are very hopeful that we shall be able to raise it. Doctor Stockwell made the statement that he had not seen a more capable or more enthusiastic membership on any college board than he saw in our board during that meeting. To use his own expression, he is thoroughly sold to Pikeville College.

With every good wish for you and your work and coveting your continued interest in our Institution, I am

Sincerely yours,



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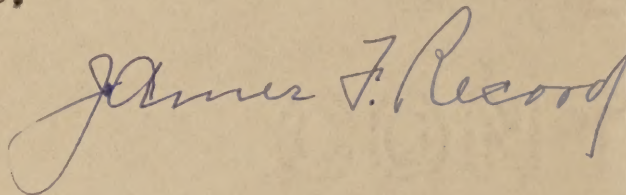
Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
Lockport, New York

Dear Brother Robinson:

I want to thank you personally for the check of \$450.00 which we received from Mr. D. H. Griggs, treasurer of your church, as a contribution from the First Church of Lockport to Pikeville College. I have written Mr. Griggs, acknowledging the receipt of the check and sending him our receipt for same.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of our Board of Trustees held at Cincinnati, yesterday, we completed arrangements to put on a campaign for \$500,000.00 for buildings and endowment of Pikeville College. We have secured the Lyman Pierce Financial Agency to put on this campaign for us. We are to begin the campaign February 1. It is a large undertaking but we are hopeful of success.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James F. Record". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "J" and "R".

November 16th 1927.

President James F. Record, D.D.,
Pikeville College,
Kentucky

My dear Doctor Record,-

I have been very much pleased to receive several letters from you, each one bringing pleasure. You were very kind to write Mr. Burt H. Grigg, the church treasurer, and he passed on the letter for me to read.

You did have a wonderful week at Pikeville when your board met and found some necessary funds for the work.

The great plan you have for the half million is the best news of all. I believe you will secure it, and that it will prove a fine foundation, broaden the outreach of the college, and I know it will be a great source of comfort to you to know that all the years of earnest work have a sort of anchor in the future.

The fact that the school is to be made a four year college is splendid. You may not believe it, but Mrs. Robinson and I have seriously talked of sending our youngsters down there to get their education. We both feel that we would far rather have them growing up among those fine boys and girls, under the stimulating contact with teachers such as you have, in a spirit which is actually Christian, and free from so much of the nonsense which is spoiling so many of our more prominent seats of learning.

Dr. Gray of Tusculum was up here a while back and spoke before our Rotary Club. He asked me to go down to Tusculum for a week in February to conduct a series of special meetings for the students. I suppose it will be much like that great fortnight we had in Pikeville last year. The dates he set are Feb. 13th - 1928.

You remember we talked about this endowment fund last year, and I said I would be glad to help. I repeat that now. If there is anything you think I could do which might help, please give me the pleasure of trying to do it.

With all good wishes to our many kind friends there, especially to Mrs. Record, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Tusculum College

CHARLES OLIVER GRAY

Greeneville, Tennessee

Office of the President

November 1, 1927.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
Lockport,
New York.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I regret very much not being able to have a little visit with you after the meeting of the Rotary at Lockport the other day, but when I looked around for you, you had gone.

I wanted to ask whether it will be possible for you to come to Tusculum and take charge of our special meetings in February. The exact dates are February 13th to 19th, inclusive.

Every year in February we have this week of special meetings. They are not purely evangelical, but are meetings of high spiritual value. In many instances definite decisions are made on the part of our students to become active, earnest Christians, while many others take a definite stand for full time Christian work as a life time vocation.

Each year we have had outstanding men come to us, and we have found them very valuable. Among them have been Dr. Brank of Summit, Dr. Higley, and others. I will be so glad to have you set aside this week for us and speak here on the campus.

We have two hundred and ten very fine students. The majority are already Christians, but the meetings during this week tone up the whole Christian life of the campus and do us all a great deal of good.

Kindly let me hear from you at an early date, and if you can possibly arrange to come, do so.

It was a pleasure to meet with you on Friday. I only hope that I was able to put the message across that was in my heart. However, I was a little fearful.

With very sincere regards, I am

Cordially yours,

C. O. Gray

November 6th 1927.

President Charles O. Gray, D.D.,
Tusculum College,
Greenville, Tenn.

My dear Doctor Gray,-

Your very kind invitation is most keenly appreciated. I should be most happy to come at the time you indicate, if no unforeseen circumstances intervene to prevent it. Last February I spent ten days down at Pikeville College in Kentucky and had a most wonderful time with the young people there. I think I spoke nineteen times in the ten days or less that I was there.

After the Rotary meeting at which you spoke, at least late that afternoon, I called up Mr. Rogers to see if you were still about town and to apologize to him for leaving before you spoke. I did not receive my Rotary announcement that week, and made an appointment at Wilson for 2 p.m. to see about reopening one of our Presbyterian churches there. I never should have done so, had I realized you were the speaker. But once the date was made, and the place 18 miles away, and the men gathering for me, I had to make a run for it.

I know that the Club enjoyed your talk very greatly. Mr. Rogers was delighted to see you again. I looked at one of those attractive folders about Tusculum, but passed it on to another. I wonder if I might have one or two more?

It is a great honor you do me, in asking me to come down for your special services. I know it will be a great joy to me, and I certainly will work and pray to the end that I may be able to help the young people there a bit. Next week I am going to a Y.M.C.A. conference to speak at a three-day meeting.

I know Dr. Higley of Cleveland, and know of Dr. Brank through my father W. Courtland Robinson.

With hearty thanks for your extreme kindness, and with all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

January 16th 1926.

President Charles O. Gray, D.D.,
Tusculum College,
Greeneville, Tenn.

My dear Doctor Gray,-

I am looking forward with keen anticipation to the time of my coming to spend a week with you at Tusculum. The matter of what I can say and do that will help has been in my mind. I think I understand in a general way what you are after, but I hope you will let me know now and after I get there, as we go along, whatever you think will help me to be useful to you there. I want to help.

The matter of my coming has come before me. I consulted the railroad agent here and worked out with him this tentative plan. Leave Buffalo, Sunday evening about 7, arrive Cincinnati 7:45 (13th) lv. 9:00, arr. Knoxville 3:43 p.m. lv. 4:00 and arrive Greeneville 6:40 p.m. Feb 13th.

Is that the best way, and does that get me to you in time for the first meeting planned? If possible I want to preacher here on the morning of Feb. 12th, because I will be with you the 19th.

I am expecting a man here during the week when I will be with you to hold some special meetings with a certain group of our people, and the next week, there is a general visitation campaign of personal evangelism being conducted by a group of the churches.

If you can suggest a better way to come, and one which will suit you better, please let me know, and I will try to conform to it.

Perhaps you could let me have a brief outline of last year's week of meetings. It might suggest some points for this year.

I am very happy to have you want me, and feel highly honored to be asked,

Very sincerely yours,

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REV STEWART ROBINSON

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CALLING CLIFTON SANITARIUM MONDAY ARRIVE LOCKPORT TUESDAY ALONE
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HARVEY FARMER

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November 6th 1927.

Mr. Harvey Farmer,
Clifton Sanitarium,
Clifton Springs, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Farmer,-

Your telegram of yesterday gave me some concern. We shall be delighted to see you on Tuesday as you suggest, but I am distressed to see that you plan to come alone, and the mention of Clifton makes me think that Mrs. Farmer has not been well.

I sent along the addresses I wrote to, to reach you at New York, and have been afraid that some mischance prevented your getting them. I observe that you have been as far at least as Baltimore, and suppose that you must have stopped in Philadelphia, and possibly Princeton.

We shall, therefore, look forward with great interest to seeing you on Tuesday, D.V., with the very special hope and prayer that things may not be so bad as we fear.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Farmer, I am,

Sincerely yours,

P.S. You can come to Lockport, via. Rochester without going to Buffalo. From Buffalo electric trams run every 30 minutes for Lockport.

November 6th 1927.

Dearest Folks,-

Very glad indeed that suggestion I made appeals to you. Probably we shall find it best to come to Walton by train. However an unusual spell of warm weather might make it possible to drive over. I think by leaving Delhi Thanksgiving night I can make Olean by way of Binghamton by Friday evening, perhaps I can by leaving Friday morning. I will find that out. It certainly will be fun to spend Thanksgiving on Cherry Hill. Lizzie Hutson does mighty well with the food, but I do think that it would be great fun to have Thanksgiving dinner itself up there at the house. Other meals do not matter so much. I never ate Thanksgiving in Delhi.

Wire from Don this afternoon announced death of F.H. after an operation. Well, old F.H. was about like the rich man, tore down his barns and built greater barns, (they are just in the midst of building a brand new plant) and said to his soul, thou hast much goods laid up in store for many days,

The evangelist here is getting along, but he says it is the hardest town he ever struck. I don't doubt it. I am having a lot of fun in a quiet way over it. The Session were unanimous in asking him. I made sure to get them to voluntarily urge and bring it to pass. But this fellow has gone after dancing, card playing, smoking (there is where I come in), movie going, and some like John Symes, and Rogers are quite exercised about it. They believe in evangelism, but they would so wish he would not name those things. Ruth and Bert went to New York last Monday to stay until Saturday, and wired me Saturday they were staying until next Tuesday, and I am sure it is simply and solely to get away from this barrage of piety. So I laugh. Everybody is perfectly good natured about it, but it is lots of fun, to see each saint want the other fellow helped, and their weakness excepted. But I got one on the evangelist. Bert has let them use his membership at the country club, and Neighbour has taken a great shine to golf. He goes out most every morning, and was begging me to go with him. I said I did not belong to the golf club, that I could not join such an organization as that, because they gambled at golf, and played Sunday, and there was more or less drinking going on with it etc. etc. I went quite fully into the matter with much unction. One's own failing is never quite so heinous as the other fellow's. Neighbour did not say anything, but has not urged me to play since.

Had a letter yesterday from the president of Rusculum College in Greenville Tennessee from one Dr. Chas. Gray, a Hamilton College man, asking me to come down there next Feb. 13th - 19th to conduct series of meetings for the students. It is an old old college started by one Dr. Doak of Princeton class 1774. Gray was here the other week and spoke at Rotary. I like these southern jobs along about February. Had a nice letter from Record appreciating my article about him in the Rotarian.

Record said he had received a lot of letters congratulating him. We talked it over last winter and I wrote it to boom the college as much as anything. Gray said he had Brank down there one year, and Higley of Cleveland. I know H. and have heard you speak of Brank.

I believe these evangelistic services are going to do us no end of good. I guess I have won the ill will of the liberal brethren here in town. I think they are planning to hold union evening services this winter, and that will mean that theirs and ours will be the only evening services in town, and that means that theirs will ultimately die out, and then ours will be the only evening service in the town. Well, the Bible Christians are the church-goers, the givers, the workers and the prayeers, and they may give me all of them, and I will trade all the liberals I have and be glad for the exchange.

Now I want to get on the track of some good special men Bible expositors and such like to run in from time to time. Kelly of Baltimore was in Buffalo the other day and had one of the biggest meetings ever in Elmwood hall. Churchill a convert of Sunday's is doing a tremendous work there in his tabernacle. These Bible Colleges like Moody etc. are turning out the men these days who are loyal to the Gospel, no mistake about it, and evangelical Xty is doing just what it did away back in the 18th century, running out from the high-brows, the rich, the worldly, and getting a new hold among the plain people, and so is due for another great increase in power and influence.

Loads of love,

November 7th 1927.

Dear Don,-

The news your telegram brought us yesterday was a great shock. It made a whole chapter of my life run off before my mind like a film on a screen. Your Father was one of the fixtures in my mind. From away back in 1902, twenty five years ago, I can remember him. The days when you all lived on Marshall Street and drove Dandy afternoons out into the country. The eventful time when you moved down onto the corner of Walnut Place and Marshall Street, and all that fascinating detail which looms so large in my memory because, I suppose, I was underfoot during every moment of it. Then there were the various happenings in your house, afternoons of play, celebrations of one kind and another. I can remember putting Janet in the clothes hamper, the outbursts of sorely tried Kittie, the time your room was refurnished, putting the green covering on the floors, the library where your Father spent the evenings.

Then there have been all the comings and goings since we moved away from there. The wonderful visits. As I sat here this afternoon I could see your Father as plainly as I can visualize my own Father, down to very tones of his voice, and the way he used to clear his throat before he called to us.

I recall the letter I received from him while in France asking for me to try to find out something about you, reported out of action and I suppose with little enough detail besides that.

Last August when he was so kind as to come over to see us the evening we stayed with you, I never supposed it was the last time I should ever see him on earth.

It was very thoughtful of you to send us a wire. It was telephoned to us from Buffalo, because at that hour I believe our local office was closed. I gave them back an answer which I hoped got through to you.

Wasn't it great that your Mother and Father had that beautiful trip to-gether, and have had during the last years so many happy times to-gether. Your coming into the business with him, meant very much to him, I believe. I think it gave him a new confidence and a new pleasure in every detail of the work. He was able to recall much of his earlier enthusiasm in seeing you take up the problems which he had tried his teeth on years before.

I suppose you are about in the midst of the new building operation. This will certainly mark an epoch in your life. You have had a splendid apprenticeship however and will be able to go on with the work in a great way.

It distresses me that I cannot come over at this time, but circumstances make it impossible. We are having services in the church every night this week, and I have two other appointments for to-morrow.

Please give all our love to your Mother and every one else. We shall certainly have you all on our hearts these days, and I hope that before long I will be able to see you.

Yours as ever,

Tusculum College

CHARLES OLIVER GRAY
Greeneville, Tennessee

N.Y. City, N.Y.

Office of the President

Nov. 14/27

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter of Nov. 6th was forwarded to me here in N.Y. where I am at the present, and I am so glad to hear that you can come to us for our meetings in Feb. We will count upon it: Later on I shall write you more regarding these meetings.

It was a pleasure to see you at Lockport and I am sure you did not lose a great deal by not staying for the talk that day at Piquette. It is hard for me to do justice to a big subject in a few minutes time. But I enjoyed so much being there and meeting so many of the men. I was especially glad of course to see Mr. Sellers Rogers again.

Again expressing my great pleasure in the thought that you are to be with us at Tusculum in February, and with all good wishes—

Very cordially,
C. O. Gray

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Many things make the unanimous desire
of committee something, particularly
pressing stop

Believe your skill influence devotion
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make you most happy choice stop
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others could help you in a strong
cabinet stop ^{time has proved} your ideas about school
~~are~~ right stop however don't want you
to impair health or happiness stop
good spirit prevails believe your decision
will be guided and that it will be right
Affectionately

November 17th 1927.

Dearest Folks,-

Your plans are all right. In fact two turkeys look better than one any time. The kids had thought quite keenly about the idea of eating their Thanksgiving dinner on Cherry Hill, and Ignatz had doped it all out so that we could all go to church, and have dinner without its taking up too much time, or making too much trouble. But undoubtedly what looks easy to her here, might not seem so easy to Bunny there.

If the weather is mild and pleasant as it has been this week until yesterday, we were thinking of driving through to you. If it is not so, we will take train to Utica. I will let you know about the time. I have to be at Olean just after noon on Friday. With the weather right and the car there, I thought I could get on my way Thursday, stop somewhere over night and reach Olean very easily. But there must be some way to go by train from Oneonta to Binghamton and westward, even if I had to go to Buffalo and then down Friday morning to Olean. I will look up the trains about that.

You may know that we have had a revival here, when I tell you that last night which was a horrible night, rain and cold and dank, we had over 125 at prayer meeting. We had a multitude of prayers and testimonies. The meetings ended last Sunday when about 70 came forward at the close. Out of the collections during the meetings they took up 2300 for the expenses locally, and had a missionary offering at the end which ran well towards 1200. In this the church did nothing. That is to say the people present simply did what they wanted to.

It was conclusively proved that religion will do more to stimulate a church than anything else. The folks have had so much Bible and exposition that I must now get down on my marrow bones to keep up with the procession. Last night every one present took a copy of John's Gospel and promised to read it through. Upon its return signed, I offered each a Pocket Testament.

Now I must get a good man for next Wednesday night. Instead of skipping prayer meeting, as I intended, I think we must be sure to have it, even with a Thanksgiving Service next day. When you come on the 27th you can bring along your real Gospel sermons, for it is amazing how keen they are for it.

Loads of love,

November 18th 1927.

Mr. Harvey Farmer,
Hephzibah House
51 West 75th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Farmer,

Thank you heartily for letting me know your plans for the near future. I will write at once to Chicago and ask them to communicate with you.

I will pass on the word regarding your stay at Clifton. Perhaps the ladies here in some of the missionary societies would like to arrange for a meeting.

Many of our people were deeply touched by the special meetings, and the missionary side was made strong all through. I would not be at all surprised if someone from our church would be led to go out, and why not to North Africa. In that case, I am positive we would gladly undertake to support such a one.

So, keep this on your heart, and pray over it. It would be a wonderful thing to see come to pass. 66 of our people came forward either to reconsecrate themselves or to make a decision for Christ.

With very kindest regards from us both to Mrs. Farmer and to yourself, I am,

Cordially yours,

P.S. So many of our people were keenly interested in what you said, that evening, brief though it was, and we are all looking forward to next April, D.V. SMR

November 18th 1927.

William H. Hockman, Esq.,
Educational Department,
Moody Bible Institute,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Hockman,-

In order to identify myself, I am returning your kind letter of July 27th. Mr. Harvey Farmer of London, of whom I spoke arrived in this country the first part of October, and has been in the East. After Christmas he and his wife plan to go out to the coast and, when I suggested to him, the kind offer you had made to try to make a place for them in Chicago, he said he appreciated it deeply and would let me know when he hoped to reach you.

I have his letter, and forward it on. The letter-head describes the Mission etc.

We have just finished a wonderful evangelistic campaign held in our church under Mr. Chas. E. Neighbour, with Raymond Hemminger, and Gordon Johnson assisting.

All through the four weeks of meetings the Moody Colportage tracts were on a table in the vestibule. There is a demand for more of the books, so I am taking the liberty of making this letter serve two purposes. Can you send me

#39 How to Pray	12 copies
#40 Power of Surrendered Life	6 copies
#38 Calvary's Cross	6 copies

If you can help Mr. Farmer, and will write him to that effect, I shall be very grateful. If you can use him to speak you will be inspired by what he has to say.

Very truly yours,

116 Salem Ave.,

Toronto, Ont.. Nov., 23rd., 1927.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
First Presbyterian Church,
Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Rev. Robinson;

I have intended for some time past to write and let you know how much we enjoy your Sunday Morning Service. We listen in every Sunday morning and the Services have done us both more good than I could begin to tell you.

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You preached a Sermon "sickness" some time ago which touched us both. My husband has been sick most of the time for nearly 11 years, all our married life, and at times he has felt very bitter and I must say I have also, but since hearing your sermon We have felt differently about it.

Trusting that you will be spared to continue the Work of the Lord,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. B. H. Williams.